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SUBJECT: ECE - VISIT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JANEZ

STANOVNIK

1. IN WASHINGTON VISIT JANUARY 18, ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JANEZ STANOVNIK HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RENNER; IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOREY; EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER; DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR E/W TRADE STEVEN LAZARUS, COMMERCE; CHRISTIAN HERTER JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS; HERMAN POLLACK, DIRECTOR SCI; AND JOHN W. MCDONALD, JR., COORDINATOR FOR MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, IO. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERZ, IO, HOSTED EIGHTH FLOOR LUNCHEON. STANOVNIK ALSO ADDRESSED

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SOME THIRTY-FIVE OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES AT

ROUNDTABLE SESSION AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON ECE PROGRAM.

2. STANOVNIK'S MAIN INTEREST THIS VISIT WAS POTENTIAL FOR ECE ROLE IN CSCE FOLLOWUP WORK. HE WELCOMED WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS VERY FAVORABLE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ROLE FOR ECE, AND SEEMED CONVINCED THAT CONFERENCE WILL ASSIGN SUBSTANTIAL TASKS TO ECE. HE SEES SOVIETS AS ALSO FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD ECE, NOTING THAT THEY MAY HOWEVER SEEK SOMETHING FROM WEST IN RETURN BEFORE ENDORSING ECE AS AN APPROPRIATE FOLLOWUP FORUM FOR BASKET II ITEMS. STANOVNIK'S IDEA ON FINANCING CSCE FOLLOWUP WORK IS THAT

CSCE MEMBER STATES (WHICH ARE IDENTICAL WITH ECE MEMBER STATES EXCEPT FOR TWO MINI-STATES) WOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A UN FUND IN TRUST FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSCE EXPENSES. UN STATES NOT MEMBERS OF ECE THUS NOT OBLIGED MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTION TO CSCE FOLLOWUP WORK. HE SPOKE IN TERMS OF ONE TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR SUCH WORK, WHICH COMPARES TO CURRENT ANNUAL ECE BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY \$4 MILLION. STANOVNIK THOUGHT EUROPEAN STATES WOULD NOT OBJECT TO APPLICATION OF CSCE FINANCING FORMULA, UNDER WHICH U.S. CONTRIBUTES ONLY 8.8 PERCENT OF TOTAL, TO FOLLOWUP WORK. HE THOUGHT ECOSOC SUPERVISION OF ECE WORK PRESENTED NO PROBLEM, REFERRING TO A LONG TRADITION OF PERMITTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO PURSUE WHATEVER WORK PROGRAMS THE RESPECTIVE MEMBERSHIPS WISHED.

3. STANOVNIK'S SECOND MAJOR CONCERN WAS EXTENT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ECE ACTIVITIES. NOTING THAT ECE HAS HAD GOOD "POLITICAL" SUPPORT FROM U.S., HE PLEADED FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF ALL COMMITTEES, REFERRING PARTICULARLY TO COAL COMMITTEE, TIMBER COMMITTEE, ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE AND SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS. WE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS*AT LATEST COAL AND TIMBER COMMITTEE SESSIONS, AND IT APPEARS HE WAS MISBRIEFED BY ECE STAFF ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THESE TWO BODIES.

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4. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF REJECTION AT MAY 1973 PLENARY BY BOTH EAST AND WEST OF MAJOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW ENERGY WORK, STANOVNIK WAS MODEST ABOUT FUTURE ECE ENERGY PROGRAM HE WISHES SEE WHAT ECE CAN DO IN WAY OF SHORT-TERM AND MEDIUM TERM ENERGY TECHNOLOGY WORK (STUDIES AND SEMINARS), AND WOULD LIKE TRADE IN FUELS BROUGHT INTO ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS STUDY UNDERWAY IN SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS. HE ALSO THOUGHT RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED

IN ALL RELEVANT ECE SECTORAL COMMITTEES. WHILE HE DID NOT DIRECTLY URGE CREATION OF GENERAL ENERGY COMMITTEE, IT WAS CLEAR STANOVNIK STILL FAVORS SUCH COMMITTEE AND HE RAISED QUESTION AS TO CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

5. IN TRADE AREA, STANOVNIK MENTIONED HIS IDEA (WHICH HE NOTED NOT YET ENDORSED BY ANY COUNTRY) FOR NEGOTIATION IN ECE OF "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR EAST/WEST TRADE WHICH COULD INCLUDE ELIMINATION OF QUOTA RESTRICTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST MARKET DISRUPTION,

RESOLUTION OF PASSPORT/VISA MATTERS BY EAST, SANITARY REGULARION BARRIERS IN WEST, ETCETERA. U.S. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED RESERVE ABOUT CONDUCTING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE TOPICS IN ECE PENDING OUTCOME OF MTN IN GATT. STANOVNIK SAW NO REASON WHY TWO SETS OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT GO ON SIMULTANEOUSLY AND NOTED POSSIBILITY CSCE MAY RECOMMEND FOLLOWUP WORK ON ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO E/W TRADE. U.S. REP REPEATED DOUBTS ABOUT AN ECE ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. STANOVNIK ALSO REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ECE MIGHT PLAY AN INFORMATION AND ADVISORY ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH MEMBER COUNTRY INTEREST IN BILATERAL INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER

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